Roadside tanneries

* 83 *Q*.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of roadside tanneries between Ranipet and Wallajah in North Arcot district; and

(*b*) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to abate the nuisance caused by the flow of drain water from the said tanneries?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) Eight.

(*b*) Notices have been issued to the tannery owners by the Executive Officer of the Ranipet Panchayat, directing them, to construct sedimentation tanks in their tanneries. One tannery owner has complied with the terms of the notice. Action will be taken against the others if they fail to comply with the terms of the notice within the time allowed.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Just as effective steps have been taken under the Public Health Act in the case of Chromepet tanneries in Chingleput district, will the Government institute similar stringent measures and see that the nuisance caused by the roadside tanneries between Ranipet and Wallajah in North Arcot district is removed as early as possible?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: I am afraid the hon. Member is oscillating between Ranipet and Chromepet.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: I am only anxious to bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that in Chromepet stringent measures have been adopted and may I emphasize that similar measures be pursued in the case of Ranipet so that this nuisance may be removed there also?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: In order to remove the nuisance, steps have been taken. Notices have been given. One tannery owner has complied with the notice. If the other people do not comply with it, proper steps will be taken. The Health Minister himself, a few days ago, experienced the stink in that area.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: In view of the personal experience of the Hon. Minister, may I once again request that prompt measures be adopted and that we do not stop with simply issuing notices, but that we ensure that all the tannery owners, not only one, comply with the notices issued by the Health Department?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: There is a certain procedure for it. First, notice has to be given and if they fail to comply with it, then necessary steps will be taken.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI: இந்தக் கழிவு நீரை எதற்குப் பிரயோஜனப்படுத்தலாம்? வீணாக ரோடுகளில் ஓடிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறதே, எப்படி அதைப் பயன்படுத்திக்கொள்ளலாம் என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : அதைப் பயிருக்கு விட்டாலும், பயிர் உடனே செத்துப் போய்விடும். இது வரையிலும் அதை ஒன்றுக்கும் பிரயோசனப்படுத்தவில்லை. எதற்கு அதைப் பிரயோசனப்படுத்தலாம் என்பதைப்பற்றி ஆராய்ச்சி செய்ய வேண்டும். அந்த ஆராய்ச்சி இப்பொழுது நடந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறது.

Lay-Secretary and Treasurer of the Kasturba Gandhi Women and Children's Hospital, Madras

* 84 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to post a suitable woman member of the service as Lay-Secretary and Treasurer of the Kasturba Gandhi Women and Children's Hospital, Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government consider the question of deputing a woman member of the service, either an Upper Division Clerk or a Superintendent from the Secretariat or from the Office of the Director of Medical Services in view of the gosha nature of this hospital?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I shall be glad to do it. But no woman candidate is eligible. As and when there are eligible persons, of course, we can consider about it.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : If no suitable lady candidate is available, will the Government ensure that a person of mature age is posted as Lay-Secretary in this hospital?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In this case, mature or immature age is immaterial. We want a qualified candidate for the work to be done.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Has any complaint been lodged with the Government because there is a male Lay-Secretary in this hospital?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Absolutely not.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—INFORMATION *RE* DELAY IN ANSWERING OF QUESTIONS.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : On a point of information, Sir. May I bring to your kind notice, Mr. Deputy Chairman, that as far as questions in this House are concerned, it is our experience, rather a sad experience, that months and months elapse before questions are replied to? I gave notice of a question at the end of last month with a request that it might be accepted as a short notice question. I know personally that it would take hardly half an bour for the Secretariat to prepare a reply to that